

GERMANS RAID TWO COVVOYS; SINK 14 SHIPS

British Destroyer and Merchantmen Sent to Bottom

ONE WARSHIP MAKES ESCAPE

Seven Neutral Vessels Among Victims of Enemy's Foray

50 SURVIVORS CAPTIVE

Ninety-eight Others Rescued by English Craft—Geddes Reports Disaster

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McNamara's Statement

Sir Eric said five neutral merchant ships had been sunk and one British merchantman sunk by German destroyers. The British destroyer sunk was the Partridge. A second British destroyer, the Geddies, was damaged by the German destroyers. The latter, according to Geddes, had a hole blown in her hull, but escaped. On board her there were four British killed and two wounded.

McNamara's Statement

McNamara's statement told of the sinking of one destroyer, the Partridge, and the damaging of another, the Geddies, and the sinking of two neutral merchantmen before dawn off the River Tyne. Eight were dead.

FIRE ENGINE SKIDS ON SNOW; HOSEMAN HURT

Apparatus Hits Pole in Avoiding Wagon Going to Trifling Blaze

While responding to a fire alarm this morning the engine of Company No. 25, Midvale avenue and Ridge avenue, skidded on the snow in trying to prevent a collision with a bakery wagon and dashed into a telephone pole, throwing Dominic Murphy, 71 years old, 1242 North Hope street, a hoseman, from the rear of the engine and giving him a bad shaking up.

FIRE IN APARTMENT HOUSE

Score of Women and Children Flee When Flames Threaten

A score of children and their mothers were forced to flee to the street from their apartments at 711 Green street shortly after noon today when fire, which started in an adjoining house, burned out the rear of the first floor of the apartment house.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight, with lowest temperature about 25 degrees; Tuesday unsettled and somewhat warmer, with probably snow; partly cloudy, with snow showers.

LENGTH OF DAY

Delaware River Tides: High water, 8:26 a.m.; Low water, 10:20 a.m.; High water, 4:06 p.m.; Low water, 5:50 p.m.

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT CAPTURED

The Experiences of a wounded Canadian Officer Who Fell Into THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY

Will Be Found on Page 9 OF TODAY'S

CLEMENCEAU WAGES FIGHT ON CAILLAUX

"Tiger" to Be Chief Witness Against Accused Ex-Minister

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Premier Clemenceau is scheduled to be the star witness today before the committee of eleven, which is to report on the proposed expulsion of former Premier Joseph Caillaux from the Chamber of Deputies because of alleged pro-Germanism.

SEES \$9,000,000 SUGAR HOLD-UP

Spreckels Shows Cost of Hoover Price-Fixing Program

PEOPLE PAY THE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The American people must pay Hawaiian sugar planters and refiners \$9,000,000 extra profit in 1918 if the Hoover food administration fixes prices as planned, Class A. Spreckels declared today before the Reed sugar-coal investigating committee.

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ITALIANS WIN POSTS AFTER FALLING BACK

Teutons Driven Out of Colcaprile Defenses and on Lower Piave

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Capture of several hundred prisoners by Austrians south of Colcaprile was announced by the War Office today.

ITALIANS WIN NEW LINE AT COLCAPRILE

ROME, Dec. 17.—Italian troops established themselves in an advanced position at Colcaprile yesterday in their counter-offensive, according to the official War Office statement today.

DRIVE FOR RED CROSS STARTS

Preliminary Work Already Guarantees Success of Movement in Philadelphia

PLEDGES BY 200,000

The great Christmas campaign for 200,000 new members for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross opened today in Philadelphia.

MAN HIT BY TROLLEY; RIOT CALL FOLLOWS

Police From Four Stations Rushed to Scene of Accident on Woodland Avenue

TANKS TO LEAD AMERICAN LINE

Pershing to Have Equipment Equal to That at Cambrai

HE WANTS CHAUFFEURS

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the AMERICAN ARMY IN THE FIELDS, Dec. 17.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP INJURES 2 WORKMEN

Victims of Accident in Camden Yards Rescued by Human Chain

HOUSE NAVAL PROBE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House naval probe will open Wednesday with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Mahan as the first witnesses.

JAPAN DENIES OCCUPATION OF VLADIVOSTOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Under date of December 14, the Japanese Government transmitted to the State Department today an official denial that Japanese troops had occupied Vladivostok.

TURKS CLAIM CAPTURE OF TWO ISLANDS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Constantinople today quoted the war office as stating that the small islands of Halka and Mousoussa, off the coast of Asia Minor, have been occupied by Turkish forces.

NO HOLIDAYS FOR MINERS, GARFIELD URGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Fuel Administrator Garfield this afternoon sent an urgent appeal to the coal operators and miners to continue operations during the Christmas holidays.

KANAWHA AND NEW RIVER COAL MINES REOPEN

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HUNDREDS REPORTED STARVING IN TEHRAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Hundreds of men, women and children already have starved to death and other hundreds are utterly without food at Teheran, according to a dispatch reaching the State Department today from Ralph H. Bader, American vice consul there.

Woman Fatally Stricken on Car

Anna Matera, forty years old, 2542 Belmont street, died early today at St. Joseph's Hospital of heart disease.

This Citizen Doesn't Like His Name

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—John Kaiser of Atlanta, applied to the courts here today for permission to change his name to William W. Wilson.

"QUIT RUSSIA." FRANCIS ADVISES AMERICANS

Civil Warfare and Menace of Approaching Famine Make Conditions Intolerable

KAISER HAS SECRET PLAN FOR PEACE

Terms to Be Conveyed to Allies Through Neutral Governments

BELGIUM IS MENTIONED

"Political Disinterestedness" His Policy Toward Stricken Country

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Germany will shortly forward terms to the Allies through neutral governments, according to a dispatch from Berlin today.

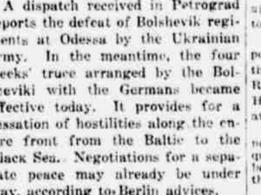
HOUSE IN DEBATE ON PROHIBITION

Drys Confident of Outcome of Vote Scheduled for 5 o'Clock

WEBB RAPS COMPEERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—With the air tense, the House of Representatives shortly after 11 o'clock started debate on the national prohibition amendment approved by the Senate.

THE REAL HARBINGERS OF CHRISTMAS HERE AT LAST!



Santa Claus has been visible on downtown street corners for some days, but the surest sign of the Yuletide season made its appearance today when a small section of the great north woods moved down to the City Hall plaza.

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